

The Basics for the 2019 Guatemala Dental Mission Trip
to San Raymundo, with Dr. T. Bob Davis (tbob@tbobdavis.com)

When: March 15/16- 23, 2019 (Spring Break)

Why: Service through dentistry for the glory of God

Itinerary:

- Friday, March 15 PM: Departure (HOUSTON GROUP)
- Friday, March 15 PM: Departure (DALLAS GROUP)
- Saturday, March 16 AM: Departure (DALLAS GROUP)
- Saturday, March 16 PM: Get Acquainted, Set-up
- Sunday: Prepare and Test-run
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: **CLINIC**
- Wednesday, March 20th: R&R Day
- Friday: work, pack, rest, reflect
- Saturday, March 24: Return Home

Services offered:

- Screenings, Radiographs, Prophylaxes, Fluoride Treatments, Oral Health Instructions, Fillings (amalgam, composites, etc.), Extractions...and any other surprises thrown our way (RCT, trauma, cosmetic, etc.)

Breakdown of Costs:

Airline – This year each member is required to book flight on the non-stop group flights listed below. Do not procrastinate booking your flight. Once your application has been approved and you receive confirmation, go immediately to purchase airfare. Once purchased, send me a copy of the flight confirmation from airline containing all details.

- **Departure: Dallas (DFW) to Guatemala City (GUA) Friday March 15th**
American Airlines Flight #1025, 4:25pm --> 7:01pm (Arrival GUA)
Return: Guatemala City (GUA) to Dallas (DFW) Saturday March 23rd
American Airlines Flight #1188 7:27am --> 11:54am (Back in Dallas)
- **Departure: Dallas (DFW) to Guatemala City (GUA) Saturday March 16th**
American Airlines Flight #1025, 9:00am --> 11:22pm (Arrival GUA)
Return: Guatemala City (GUA) to Dallas (DFW) Saturday March 23rd
American Airlines Flight #1188, 7:27am --> 11:54am (Back in Dallas)
- **Departure: Houston (IAH) to Guatemala City (GUA) Friday March 16th**
United Airlines Flight #1902, 7:48 --> 9:35pm (Arrival GUA)
Return: Guatemala City (GUA) to Houston (IAH) Saturday March 23rd
United Airlines Flight #1903, 12:30pm --> 4:29pm (Back in Houston)

Dallas Group American Airlines Fare per person until Thanksgiving= Friday \$726 & Saturday \$752

Houston Group United Airlines Fare per person until Thanksgiving= Friday \$798

These are very reasonable fares considering what has been in years past and what is quoted now. For safety and security, equipment and supplies travel with us, together in buses from the airport to GUA Compound, we fly together on these non-stops. PAY THE AIRFARE ON VENMO TO @TBob-Davis. Pay the EXPENSES separately in a separate payment for the Expenses on VENMO. DO NOT MIX THOSE, make 2 payments (air/expenses). Please MAKE PAYMENTS BY THE NAME OF THE PERSON SIGNED UP FOR THE TRIP, not parents or friends. Your payment will assure your being on the correct flight since we will have in your application your birth date and passport number with date of expiration. So FILL OUT YOUR APPLICATION ONLINE AS YOU PAY YOUR AIR AND EXPENSES- THEY MUST COORDINATE.

****[2019 UPDATE REMINDER: YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FLY ON DESIGNATED NON-STOP FLIGHTS SHOWN ABOVE. REASON: MASSIVE PROBLEM WITH NUMEROUS TRIPS BACK AND**

FORTH TO AIRPORT AND DELAYS PERTAINING TO PICK-UP/DEPARTURE TIMES, COST, AND SAFETY ISSUES. SHOULD YOU NOT WANT TO USE THE GROUP FARE BY REASON OF USING A REWARDS POINTS PROGRAM OR FREE TICKETS YOU MAY HAVE, YOU MUST STILL FLY ON THE FLIGHTS SHOWN ABOVE. ONCE PURCHASED FORWARD ALL AIRLINE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO DR. DAVIS IN THEIR ENTIRETY.

SHOULD YOUR DEPARTURE LOCATIONS OR TIMES BE DIFFERENT DUE TO A PRIOR AGREEMENT WITH DR. DAVIS, PLEASE PURCHASE ONLY NON-STOP FLIGHTS. IF NOT POSSIBLE DUE TO YOUR NEAREST AIRPORT LOCATION, EXERCISE CAUTION IN SCHEDULING CONNECTING FLIGHTS IN SHORTER TIME FRAMES THAN 3 HOURS DUE TO COMMON DELAYS THAT WILL PRECLUDE YOU MAKING THE MAIN CONNECTION. THAT HAS REQUIRED SOME TO SPEND OVERNIGHT IN THE CONNECTING CITY. MOST INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES MAY CANCEL FLIGHTS AT WILL AND USUALLY HAVE ONLY ONE FLIGHT A DAY WHICH MAY REQUIRE YOU A DAY OR TWO TO ACTUALLY CONNECT. ONCE PURCHASED FORWARD ALL AIRLINE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS TO DR. DAVIS IN THEIR ENTIRETY.]

******You may sign up through December, up to January 18 but after that there is no refund available, fees are different then and airfare will cost more.**

Expenses –

- **\$700 for Doctors who have been on at least 4 previous trips as Doctor, Student or Volunteers, when paid by Thanksgiving Day (a 50% reduction).**
- **\$900 for Doctors, Students, and Volunteers who have been on 1-3 previous trips as Doctor or student, when paid by Thanksgiving Day (a 30% reduction).**
- **\$975 for Doctors, students, spouse, children, hygienists, assistants, and all other personnel who are first timers, if paid by Thanksgiving Day (a 20% reduction).**
- **\$1150--- ALL FEES REVERT TO \$1150 FOR ANYONE IF PAID AFTER THANKSGIVING DAY UNTIL THE DEADLINE, JANUARY 18TH, 2019**
- **\$1350--- LATE TOTAL FEE APPLIES WITHIN 8 WEEKS OF START DAY OF TRIP FOR THOSE WHO PREFER LATE DECISIONS AND HIGHER COSTS --- HA! After January 18th, 2019**
- **Fees are non-refundable after January 18th, 2019. To ensure the lowest total cost for the trip, an early airline ticket purchase and on-time Thanksgiving Day payment of expenses can save 20-30% overall.**

How do I sign up?

- This year the application is online! Fill the application out accurately and completely. Please note, the online form will not let you skip a required question/answer.
- Also note, you still need to sign and return via email or snail-mail: (1) Cover Sheet, (1) Copy of Passport, (1) Signed Code of Conduct Agreement, (1) Signed Acknowledgement of Truths and Purposes Held by This Mission, (1) Signed Fundraising Contract and Travel Release Form.
- 2019 Update: This year I would love for each applicant to send a Cover Letter attachment with the signed documents. This cover letter would include your name, brief description of yourself, brief description of how you heard about the trip, and brief explanation of why you are going.
- Once the application is submitted and you receive a confirmation email from me, then you should purchase your airline ticket (Houston group fare on United and Dallas group fare on American) and pay trip expenses. Following purchase, send me a copy of your airline notification confirmation with all details to tbob@tbobdavis.com.
- Use the “VENMO” button on <http://www.tbobdavis.com/next-dental-mission-trip/> for your expense payment – preferred method! (see below). Or a single check for total payment can be sent by mail to “Dr. T. Bob Davis Productions” at 11925 Loch Ness Dr., Dallas, TX 75218.

Contact with any questions:

Dr. T. Bob Davis, DMD – tbob@tbobdavis.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

'Can hygienists come?'

Absolutely!! How can a dental mission function without prophies and OHI's?! Seriously, anyone willing to travel and serve with us is welcome to come...especially hygienists!

'Do dental students get to do dental work, or just assist?'

Remember, everyone serves according to their level of training. So, underclassmen dental students will be mostly assisting the dentists and upperclassmen students. However, appropriate and responsible on-the-job training is typical, and underclassmen students will be encouraged to exercise their knowledge-base under the express guidance and intimate supervision of the dentists/upperclassmen.

'Where will we be staying/eating?'

We will be staying and eating at the Asociacion Medica Quirurgica De San Raymundo compound. As well as the clinic we'll be working in, the compound contains men's and women's dormitories and a near-buffet style kitchen.

'I can't afford the trip – can I fundraise the money?'

Sure! We recommend mailing out support letters to family, friends, and anyone else who might be interested to invest in our trip. Also, with Christmas around the corner, you could request donations for your trip in lieu of traditional presents. You can also do service-for-donation work; e.g., mowing lawns, babysitting, washing cars, cooking, etc. – Be creative.

'Should I bring spending money?'

Your choice. We do try to make one fun 'tourist' trip while we're there. You can bring spending money if you want to buy souvenirs either Wednesday or at the airport at the end of the trip. We recommend you get the money changed to the country's currency on the off day (Wednesday) when you know the amount you need. No checks can be cashed, only USD converted or use travel credit card (in some businesses—not all accept credit cards).

'Will people be teaching religious beliefs on this trip?'

This is a Christian mission trip, so sharing our faith – at least with each other – is to be expected, because that's a part of our life together. We plan to learn, grow, and worship God together.

'I'm not a Christian – can I still go?'

In every way, YES! If you're willing to accompany and support our mission in the name of Christ Jesus, we've got a place ready for you with us. We just ask that you recognize our purpose with cooperation and full involvement in all activities. We respectfully request that you walk in step with us and not hinder us in this work.

'How "flaky" can I be with the deadlines?'

Easy answer: don't be flaky! It takes a lot of planning to get this trip organized, and we imperatively need you to take up courage and responsibility, be decisive and meet the deadlines. ...However, we understand things happen and your schedule changes last minute – if something comes up that suddenly enables you to go on the trip, or if you just have a special circumstance you want to discuss with us, give us a call and let's see what we can work out. ...But preferably, don't be flaky - just sign-up on time.

'What are the deadlines again?'

By Thanksgiving Day, 2015 – Submit to Dr. T.Bob your completed and signed Application Packet, along with a photocopy of your passport, your Professional License (if applicable), a copy of your airplane ticket or its confirmation email, and your total fee.

'Do I need to get any immunizations or bring malaria medicine?'

It is advisable to be up-to-date on your immunizations and to bring appropriate medications. Please see the CDC website for further information: <http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/guatemala.aspx#vaccines>.